

Notice of Intent to Request a Release of Funds

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Date of Notice: February 25, 2016

City of Hollister
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Hollister, California 95203
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On or about March 8, 2016 the City of Hollister will submit a request to the California Department of Housing & Community Development (HCD) for the release of funds under Title 1 of the Housing & Community Development Act of 1974, as amended, to undertake a project known as to undertake the project known as Community Food Bank of San Benito County AGREEMENT NUMBER 13-CDBG-8956 for the purpose of acquiring and rehabilitating the existing Community Food Bank of San Benito (CFB) facility at 1133 San Felipe Road. (San Benito County Assessor's Parcel 051-011-023). A Request for proposal/qualifications will be issued for plans and specifications for tenant improvements to bring the building into compliance with standards for the American with Disabilities Act, health and safety codes, the addition of a kitchen to repackage food for distributuion and building rehabilitaiton and replacement of equipment to enhance efficiencies in operations and expand capacity to clients. The project will involve the removal and disposal of asbestos. The City of Hollister will confer with the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District to assure the rehabilitaiton is conducted in accordance with requirements of the Monterey Bay Unified Air Pollution Control District Rule 424 and the National Emission Standards for Hazardous Air Pollutants (NESHAPS). The tenant improvements will require Site and Architectural approval from the City of Hollister because widows and doors will be added to the structure. A building permit will be required for the tenant improvements. The Community Food Bank (CFB) of San Benito County will use a combination Community Development Block Grant funds, USDA grant funding and other funds to acquire and rehabilitate an existing 10,500 square foot lease area currently used by the CFB for operations at a cost of \$1,994,882.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) requirements. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) that documents the environmental determinations for this project is on file at the City of Hollister, 339 Fifth Street, Hollister, California 95023 where the record is available for review and may be examined or copied weekdays 8:00 A.M to 12:00 PM and 1:00 PM to 5:00 P.M.

PUBLIC COMMENTS

Any individual, group, or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the City of Hollister Development Services Department to the attention of Renee Perales, 375 Fifth Street, Hollister, California 95023. All comments received by March 8, 2016 will be considered by the City of Hollister prior to authorizing submission of a request for release of funds.

ENVIRONMENTAL CERTIFICATION

The City of Hollister certifies to HCD that William B. Avera, in his capacity as City Manager consents to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to the environmental review process and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The State's approval of the certification satisfies its responsibilities under NEPA and related laws and authorities and allows the City of Hollister to use Program funds.

OBJECTIONS TO RELEASE OF FUNDS

HCD will accept objections to its release of funds and the RE's certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only if they are on one of the following bases: (a) the certification was not executed by the Certifying Officer of the City of Hollister; (b) the City of Hollister has omitted a step or failed to make a decision or finding required by HUD regulations at 24 CFR part 58; (c) the grant recipient or other participants in the development process have committed funds, incurred costs or undertaken activities not authorized by 24 CFR Part 58 before approval of a release of funds by HCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 40 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality. Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58, Sec. 58.76) and shall be addressed to HCD at 2020 W. El Camino Ave, Suite 500, Sacramento, CA 95833. Potential objectors should contact HCD to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

William B. Avera, City of Hollister City Manager